

GEOGRAPHIC AREA NAME

STANDARD

Data following this standard should conform to the following:

DATA TYPE	Character
SYNTAX	Geographic area name, up to a maximum of 100 characters
RANGE	Letters A-Z, numbers 1-9, Roman numerals, punctuation marks, and the forward slash (/) character
RECOMMENDED FIELD NAME	GEONAME

INSTRUCTIONS

As of the approval date, this data element will be used in any new automated system, data set, database, or information application, including new Geographic Information System (GIS) data and applications. This data element will also be used in any major modifications to existing systems or versions of these data-related items that use the official names of the geographic areas managed by the Service. The "Not Applicable" designation should be assigned to Service organizations that do not have a geographic area association, such as the Regional Directorate and Regional administration offices. Further guidance on using the "Not Applicable" designation will be provided in the future.

Service staff are strongly encouraged to utilize this data element in existing systems, data sets, databases, and information applications. Where existing systems and data-related items are not in compliance, they should be modified to achieve compatibility and implement this data standard.

SAMPLE DATA FOLLOWING THIS STANDARD

N/A

RELATED REFERENCE RESOURCES

Applicable policies:

[Part 274, FW 2, Establishing Service Data Standards](#)

[Part 052, FW 1, Ecosystem Approach to Fish and Wildlife Conservation](#)